GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF KELTEC INTO A DEFENCE UNIT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has made any request to the Union Government regarding conversion of KELTEC into a defence unit under the Ministry of Defence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Based on the request from the Government of Kerala to revive KELTEC, a committee of experts studied the possibility of converting KELTEC into a division of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)After analysis, the committee did not recommend the conversion. Thereafter, it was agreed to provide Rs. 10 crore each from Defence Research & Development Organisation and Indian Space Research Organisation as advance against fabrication orders to be finalised on competitive basis.